

City of Lynchburg Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter



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Lynchburg Alerts!

Get critical information about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for the Lynchburg Alerts Notification Program. This system enables the City of Lynchburg to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, for example, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages however you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You choose where, you choose how.

Remember: If We Can't Reach you... We Can't Alert You!

Sign up at: www.lynchburgva.gov



LYNCHBURG ALERTS

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Crime Prevention - (434) 455-6070

Citizen's First

The City of Lynchburg wants to make it easier for you to obtain the services you want and need. One way we do this is through the Citizens First Info Center, a one-stop citizen assistance office.

You can report neighborhood problems, get information about City services, register complaints, make inquiries, or even pay us a compliment. When you report a problem, we notify the appropriate department to provide assistance. Then we keep track of your request until you get the service you need.

(434) 856 - CITY (2489)



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Community Crime Map Now Available!



You can now view our community crime map online to see what is happening in your area:

<http://communitycrimemap.com/?address=lynchburg,va>

Or, by visiting www.lynchburgva.gov/police-department

You can also view our tutorial video online to learn how to use the new system: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DD2NeyT_1yc

Reduce crime and improve public safety. LexisNexis's public crime map, Community Crime Map, connects law enforcement with the community to reduce crime and improve public safety. Crime mapping helps the public get a better idea of the crime activity in their area so they can make more informed decisions about how to stay safe.

Community Crime Map goes beyond crime mapping by automatically alerting the public about recent crime activity and by improving communication between the public and law enforcement through anonymous tips. Community Crime Map empowers the public to make better decisions about crime by putting the same technology used by law enforcement to analyze and interpret crime activity into the hands of the public.



Crime Prevention for the Holidays

If you are traveling:

- Put an automatic timer on your lights
- Ask a neighbor to check up on your home
- Don't forget to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped
- Sign up for email and text alert systems at your campus/local police departments to stay in touch if you may be away during the holidays

If you are out of the house:

- Turn on lights and music or the TV so it looks as if someone is home
- Be sure that your doors and windows are locked
- Don't display your gifts where they can be seen from the outside
- If you plan to have packages delivered to your home, make sure you are home to accept them. If not, as a neighbor or ask that the package be sent to the nearest post office

If you are shopping at a mall or a store:

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you
- Park in a well-lighted space
- Be sure to lock your car, close windows, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible
- Call to cancel missing and stolen credit and debit cards immediately
- Make sure to complete warranty and/or product registration forms and mail them out as soon as possible since they may provide some kind of protection or replacement value if your property is stolen.
- Don't overburden yourself with packages
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Carry a purse close to your body in the front. If you are carrying a wallet, place it in an inside coat or front pants pocket
- If shopping with kids, have a plan in case you get separated. For the older children, have a central meeting spot designated. For the younger children teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated. Be sure they know your name (not just mom-my and daddy), cell phone number, and their address.
- Go over the dangers of strangers with them so they know who not to talk to or follow
- Check receipts to see whether your full credit card number appears. If a receipt has your full number on it, take a pen and thoroughly scratch it out
- Double check that you have your credit cards and check book after you pay.



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